

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

EAST POLK

District FY05 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Erosion Control, Gully Control, Water Resources, Wastewater, Habitat Improvement, Air Quality, Impaired Waters, Distance, Grazing Systems, Forest Management, Unpermitted Earthen Basins

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority: *Concerned about erosion caused by rolling of soybeans- landowners should seek other measures-possible education, test sites with payment.*
3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	10
A2 Gully Control	High	10
B1 Water Resource	Medium	8
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Medium	6
C Habitat Improvement	Low	1
D Air Quality	Low	1
E Impaired Water	Low	1
F Distance	High	10
G Grazing System	Medium	8
H Forest Mgt.	Low	2
Additional Local*	Low	2

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities. *Unpermitted Basins-manure pits that were formerly designed by NRCS (SCS) that didn't get final approval after cost sharing and are still in use.*

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district. *Group consensus by discussion.*
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. *None were deleted but the concern was about non profit organizations receiving EQIP dollars-local should have priority*

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 04EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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